

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al.) : Examiner: Diana B. Johannsen
Application No.: 10/810,550) : Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: March 29, 2004) :
For: INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC)
AGENT DETECTION PROBE :
AND PROBE SET, CARRIER,)
AND GENETIC SCREENING :
METHOD) : November 2, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated October 3, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1, 2, 4 to 6, 8 to 10, 12 to 14, 16 to 18, 20 to 22, 24 to 26, 28 to 30, 32 to 34, 36 to 38, 40 to 42, and 49.

In response to the further restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect a probe having the base sequence of SEQ ID No. 1. Claims 4 to 6 are drawn to the elected invention.

The elections are made without traverse.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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